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SUBJ: US ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA

REFS: STATE 208625, COLOMBO 2632

1. IN ADDITION TO PASSING WORD OF OUR 20,000 TON PL 480 WHEAT FLOUR ALLOTMENT TO PRIME MINISTER THROUGH HER PRIVATE SECRETARY, I HAVE ALSO INFORMED FINANCE MINISTER PERERA, SECRETARY JAYASINGHE OF MDFA, SECRETARY GUNASEKERA OF MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND FOOD COMMISSIONER PATHMANATHAN. ALL HAVE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR OUR ASSISTANCE AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS WE HAVE FACED ON SUPPLY ISSUE. SEVERAL EXPRESSED HOPE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

2. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM FOOD COMMISSIONER WHICH READS IN PART: QTE: ONCE THE FORMAL AGREEMENT IS SIGNED AND THE PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION GETS UNDER WAY, THIS CONSIGNMENT WOULD I BELIEVE ARRIVE IN CEYLON BY MARCH/APRIL WHEN FURTHER WHEAT FLOUR SUPPLIES BE URGENTLY NEEDED IN SRI LANKA. IS IS TO BE HOPED THAT THIS ALLOCATION WILL BE FURTHER ENHANCED AFTER ASSESSMENT BY THE USDA OF AVAILABILITIES OF FLOUR

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FOR LFE PERIOD JAN/JUNE 1974. END QTE.

3. COMMENT: I HOPE WE CAN MOVE PROMPTLY TO SIGN PL 480 AGREEMENT TO
ENSURE
THAT 20,000 TON CONSIGNMENT ARRIVES HERE BEFORE CRITICAL
MARCH-APRIL PERIOD.
VAN HOLLEN

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